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Mr. Austin Evers  
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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2019-011126, Final Release**

Dear Mr. Austin:

1. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, identified above, dated August 31, 2018, 2019, requesting All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar entries/invitations, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between EPA employees (a) Ryan Jackson or (b) Richard Yamada, and:

- a. Any employee, lobbyist or representative of the American Chemistry Council (including, but not limited to, individuals with an email address ending in americanchemistry.com; or
- b. Any employee, lobbyist or other representative of 3M Company or its affiliates; or
- c. Any employee, lobbyist or other representative of DuPont or its affiliates (including Dow-DuPont), including, but not limited to, Richard Gold, or Dimitri Karakitsos; or
- d. Any employee, lobbyist or other representative of the Chemours Company or its affiliates, including, but not limited to, Jeff Fritz, F. Edmond Johnston, Richard Gold, or Dimitri Karakitsos; or
- e. Any lawyer, lobbyist, employee or other representative of Holland & Knight (including, but not limited to, any individual with an email address ending in @hklaw.com).

2. DISPOSITION

Partial Grant.

### 3. DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS

Seventy-three records have been found to be responsive to this request. Fifty-four records are being released in full. Nineteen records released with redactions. Information has been redacted in accordance with Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (Predecisional/Deliberative) and Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Personal Privacy).

### 4. COST INFORMATION

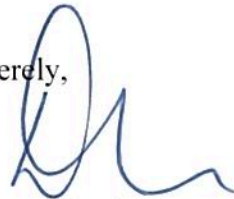
There are no costs to you associated with this request.

### 5. APPEAL RIGHTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Ms. Rebecca Clausen, ORD FOIA Officer, at [clausen.rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:clausen.rebecca@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Heckman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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